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Travis County District Attorney Announces Indictment Against Former Elgin Mayor for Theft of Property

TRAVIS COUNTY, TX --- Today, the Travis County District Attorney's office announced that a Travis County Grand Jury had voted to indict the former Mayor of Elgin, Christopher Cannon, 37, for the offense of Theft of Property. The indictment is for a Third-Degree Felony, and the amount alleged is equal to or greater than \$30,000 but less than \$150,000. From January 27, 2015, through August 21, 2019, Mr. Cannon, a licensed insurance agent, allegedly acquired payments from the company Baker's Backhoe Services but failed to submit those payments to obtain insurance policies.

This offense against Mr. Cannon is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or confinement not to exceed 10 years. Mr. Cannon was arrested on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

The investigation was conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance's Fraud Unit, and the prosecution will be handled by the Travis County District Attorney's Public Integrity Complex Crimes Unit.

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) has a special prosecutor assigned to work in the Travis County District Attorney's Office, focused on insurance-related crimes.

"The alleged theft occurred over a five-year span between January 2015 and August 2019," said TDI Prosecutor Brian Chandler, "As a result of the theft, the victim company didn't have any insurance coverage during that time. Fortunately, the company didn't need to rely upon the insurance they thought they'd purchased, otherwise, the company could have suffered financial ruin."

"Our office will hold accountable powerful actors who violate our laws," said Travis County District Attorney José Garza. "This was a collaborative effort between our office and the Texas Department of Insurance, and I appreciate our partnership."

Mr. Cannon's following court setting is May 19, 2022, in the 331st District Court.

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